

**REGULAR MEETING
EAST HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MONDAY,
APRIL 5, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Board of Education was held on Monday, April 5, 2010, at the Connecticut IB Academy, 857 Forbes Street, East Hartford, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes.

PRESENT Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Secretary Ram Aberasturia, Robert Damaschi, Dorese Roberts, Marcus Oladell, IV, Tyron Harris, Anita Morrison, Jeffrey Currey

ALSO PRESENT Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Kaprove, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Sharon Bremner, Director of Pupil Personnel
Paul Mainuli, Director of Finance
Al Costa, Director of Facilities
Kimberly Barrington, Student Representative

ABSENT Bryan Hall

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Robert Damaschi
To place on this evening's agenda a Consent Calendar under Old and Unfinished Business to remove from Consent Calendar Item a; and remove from table and approve Items b-i
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To place on this evening's agenda under Informational Reports
Item b: Matt Ryan - Presentation on EHHS graduation.
Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 8, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Tyron Harris
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 9, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes:
Regular Meeting of March 15, 2010, as corrected:
Page 1: - correct name of CIBA to read Connecticut IB Academy;
Page 4: under Policy & Audit – **remove** name of Tyron Harris and
replace name with Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 16, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 18, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 22, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Ram Aberasturia
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 23, 2010 (5:04 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 23, 2010 (6:05 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Anita Morrison
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 24, 2010 (1:13 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

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MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Jeffrey Currey
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 24, 2010 (2:07 P.M.)
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Tyron Harris
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 26, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 29, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

MOTION By Marcus Oladell, IV
Seconded by Anita Morrison
To approve the following Minutes
Special Meeting of March 31, 2010
Motion unanimously carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- 2010 Olympic Bronze Medalist Erin Pac will make a guest appearance at the Glastonbury McDonald's restaurant in Glastonbury on April 7th, 5-8 P.M. to benefit the O'Connell Elementary School. Twenty percent of proceeds will benefit Erin Pac Olympic Fund and the O'Connell School PTA;
- May 22nd – Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser for Project Graduation will be held. Entry fee is \$150.00/person \$600.00 for a foursome. Registration opens at 11:00 A.M.; lunch begins at noon. Checks can be made payable to Project Graduation. All other questions can be directed to Michael P. Walsh at (860) 568-9168.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Kimberly Barrington

- Tony Delgado was chosen Mr. EHHS – thank you to Ram Aberasturia for being a judge;
- April 8th - Pride Night will be held;
- April 28th – Senior Citizens Prom will take place;
- Student Council received a gold award at the States Leadership Conference;
- AP exams will be coming up soon;
- David Bach wrote our AP Stat book – he will be a guest speaker today and tomorrow;
- Tonight is the Spring choral/orchestra concert;
- May 7th – Junior Prom at Maneely's;

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- Senior Assessment and Accountabilities must be paid in order to attend: picnic, T-shirt, Project Graduation;
- April 14th - National Honor Society induction at the Community Cultural Center at 6:00 P.M.;
- National Honor Society is hosting Bingo Night at Riverside Rehabilitation Center this Saturday;
- A schedule of all activities can be found on line. It is updated daily.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Angela Diaz, EHMS teacher – in favor of uniforms at EHMS.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Human Resources/Appointments/No Action Required

Principal, Matt Ryan – EHHS Graduation

Mr. Ryan stated he has researched alternate sites for graduation. He has been working with the PTO. Graduation will be held at the Bushnell (Mortensen Hall) on June 23, 2010, including Project Graduation. The Bushnell has waived over \$10,000. We can do this for under \$19,000. Five tickets per family will be allowed. If additional tickets are needed, we can use a lottery system. Further information has been given through the mail and e-mails. Mr. Ryan will confirm that parking fees are included in the price given. Superintendent Zito recommends this item be placed on the April 19th Regular Board Meeting agenda.

Chairperson/ Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Mark Zito

Superintendent Zito reported on the following regarding Reconfiguration: We are beginning to receive forms back from parents. Forms are to be returned to Assistant Superintendent Debbie Kaprove prior to April 16th. Open Houses will be held this week – April 8th at Sunset Ridge, 6:00 P.M. Planning Principal Emil Kopcha will be present; April 8th at EHMS, 7:15. Principal Nate Quesnel will be present. Assistant Superintendent Debbie Kaprove will also be present at both open houses. Congratulations to the Cheering Squad from EHHS – we are very proud of the students and coach.

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes

Chairperson Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes echoed the Superintendent's remarks regarding reconfiguration. She stated she is very excited to see this come to fruition.

Special Committee Reports

Policy & Audit – Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes – meeting scheduled for April 21st, 5:15 P.M.;

Curriculum – Dorese Roberts – meeting scheduled for April 12th, 5:45 P.M.

Facilities – Bryan Hall – meeting scheduled for April 14th, 5:30 P.M.

Finance & Audit – Ram Aberasturia - meeting scheduled for April 7th, 5:30 P.M.

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PERSONNEL

MOTION

By Dorese Roberts

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To approve two **Resignations:**

1. Deborah J. Wilk, Guidance Counselor, effective 6/30/10

2. John Speas, Behavior Manager, effective 6/17/10

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy 5132– Student Dress

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To remove from table and approve Policy 5132 – Student Dress

Motion carried. Nay: Robert Damaschi

Principal Nate Quesnel stated he believes the dress code policy will instill in students pride and a sense of place. The uniforms will have a falcon on them - the mascot of EHMS. We will be sending bids out to vendors.

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Marcus Oladell, IV

To remove from table and approve the following items b-i on Consent

Calendar under Old and Unfinished Business

Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Wellness Policy

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9321 – Time, Place, and Schedule of Meetings

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9322 – Public and Executive Sessions

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9323 – Construction/Posting Agenda

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9324 – Advance Delivery of Meeting Materials

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9325.1 – Quorum/Voting Procedures

(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)

Bylaw 9325.3 – Parliamentary Procedures

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**Bylaw 9330 – Board/School System Records
(Mary Alice Dwyer Hughes, Chair, Policy & Audit Committee)**

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve School Readiness Grant for Willowbrook/Hockanum School

(Nancy Moriarty, Supervisor)

(Lisa Beauchamp, Principal, Hockanum)

MOTION

By Ram Aberasturia

Seconded by Anita Morrison

To approve the second School Readiness Continuation

Application Grant for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion unanimously carried.

Approve Certified Staff Member’s Use of Employee Sick Bank

(Christopher Wethje, Director of Human Resources)

MOTION

By Anita Morrison

Seconded by Ram Aberasturia

To approve certified staff member’s use of Employee Sick Bank

Motion unanimously carried.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Anita Morrison – re: dress code for theme-based school. Superintendent Zito stated Mr. Kopcha is the Planning Principal and would like the Board to have a discussion regarding uniforms at the theme-based school. This will be placed on the agenda for the Policy & Audit Committee April 21st. Mr. Kopcha will attend this meeting.

Jeffrey Currey – re: has not seen anything on the Web site regarding reconfiguration. Superintendent Zito stated he will check on this tomorrow morning.

Dorese Roberts – re: what will the mascot be for the theme-based school. Superintendent Zito stated the Board will discuss this.

Tyron Harris – re: type of uniforms for EHMS – Superintendent Zito stated they will be standard uniforms from one vendor.

Dorese Roberts - re: what will we do if kids say they cannot afford uniforms. Superintendent Zito stated if there are students that simply cannot afford uniforms, we will work with the families.

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TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - None

MOTION By Dorese Roberts
 Seconded by Anita Morrison
 To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:45 P.M.)
 Motion unanimously carried.

Recorded by: Donna Fitzgerald